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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2827

Serial No.-. 10/045,990

Examiner: T.T. Dinh

File Date: Oct. 31, 2001

for: Header For Surface Mount Between Parallel Circuit Boards

Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir.

In response to the Office action, mailed 25 Mar. 2003, requiring election, reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement are respectfully solicited in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner contends that the combination and subcombination are each capable of separate utility in the examples given. This is respectfully controverted.

The subcombination of claim 1 is the same subcombination recited in the combination claim 11. Hence, use of the combination claim 11 will involve use of the subcombination claim 1.

The Examiner argues that the subcombination claim 1 has separate utility as a "surface mounted interposer for laminated multiplayer of a substrate or a multiplayer wiring circuit board". The undersigned does not know what these uses or structures represent, and requests

clarification, such as citation of patents showing such uses. Certainly, no such uses are recited in the instant application.

Reconsideration is requested as it is not believed that the inventions I and II are distinct from one another.

Assuming that the Examiner adheres to his requirement, applicant elects for prosecution in this application invention I claimed in claims 1-10.

Applicant believes that claim 1 is generic to all of the disclosed species.

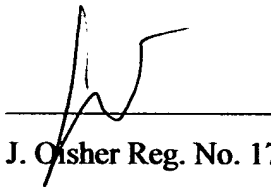
Assuming that the Examiner adheres to his requirement, applicant elects for prosecution in this application the species I of Figs. 1-3. Claims 1-9 are readable on the species of Figs. 1-3.

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Respectfully submitted,

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